

MAJOR INCIDENT REPORT A SPECIAL REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CHIEF DARYL L. OSBY

INCIDENT:

Update to "Powerhouse Incident" 06/04/2013, at 4 p.m. (Assistance to Angeles National Forest)

TYPE OF INCIDENT:

Brush Fire

DISTRICT/LOCATION:

Fifth Supervisorial District
San Francisquito Canyon Road and Powerhouse Lateral, U.S. Forest Service
T.B. 4370 J1

DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE:

Original Dispatch: Thursday May 30, 2013, 3:32 p.m.

INJURIES/FATALITIES:

Three firefighter injuries reported. All firefighters were treated on scene and released back to duty.

INVESTIGATION STATUS:

The cause of this incident remains under investigation.

INCIDENT UPDATE:

The Powerhouse Fire is creeping in a northwesterly direction, fueled by 15-20 miles per hour winds, with gusts up to 30 miles per hour; a warming trend began today and is expected to continue throughout the weekend. Our Department is in unified command with both Cal FIRE and the Angeles National Forest. Forest officials are now reporting 32,032 acres burned, with 65 percent containment; full containment is expected by Monday, June 10, 2013. At this time, 2,034 firefighters are on scene. Damage assessment is ongoing, and current reports find 16 homes destroyed, three damaged, and a number of outbuildings destroyed and damaged. A total of 275 structures are currently being threatened by the fire, and contingency plans are in place if more resources are needed. The three evacuation centers for displaced residents remain open. All evacuation orders have been lifted at this time, and none are in the planning stage. Various road closures are in effect in the area surrounding the fire. Part of the Santa Clara Mojave River Ranger District is currently closed. No new firefighter injuries have been reported.

COUNTY FIRE RESOURCES:

County Fire resources currently assigned to this incident include: four engine strike teams (consisting of five engines and one battalion chief each), two patrol strike teams (consisting of five patrols and one battalion chief each), six camp crew strike teams (consisting of two crews and one superintendent each), one water tender, three dozer teams, one patrol, one liaison officer, four safety officers, one superintendent, one command trailer, one mapping vehicle, eight battalion chiefs, two assistant chiefs, two deputy chiefs, and one chief deputy.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles County Animal Control, Cal FIRE, La Verne Fire Department, Orange County Fire Department, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, Montecito Fire Protection District, Ventura County Fire Department, Beverly Hills Fire Department, Culver City Fire Department, Santa Monica Fire Department, Torrance Fire Department, Hermosa Beach Fire Department, Manhattan Beach Fire Department, Redondo Beach



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Fire Department, El Segundo Fire Department, Long Beach Fire Department, Newport Beach Fire Department, Lompoc Fire Department, Santa Barbara City Fire Department, Laguna Beach Fire Department, Anaheim Fire Department, Fullerton Fire Department, Brea Fire Department, Monterey Park Fire Department, Montebello Fire Department, West Covina Fire Department, Santa Fe Springs Fire Department, San Bernardino Fire Department, Glendale Fire Department, Sacramento Fire Department, City of Orange Fire Department, Fresno Fire Department, San Manuel Indian Fire Department, Big Bear Lake City Fire Department, San Marcos Fire Protection District, Chino Valley Independent Fire Protection District, Mountain Recreation Conservation Authority, Pasadena Fire Department, Carpinteria/Summerland Fire Protection District, and Vandenberg Air Force Base are all assisting on scene.

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